

In the Claims

Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A protective shield (1) for protecting the eyes against smoke and adapted to be applied to the upper portion of the face of a user around the eyes, and including locking means (2) suitable for temporarily fixing it to a face mask (3) such as a mask for supplying breathing gas to an aircraft flight crew member, the shield being characterized by the fact that it includes comprising a display device (5) adapted to enable a user whose face is covered by the shield (1) to view information in the user's field of view, said display device further comprising connection means 9 enabling images to be supplied to said display device 5, said information serving in particular to provide assistance in flying.

2. (Currently Amended) A shield according to claim 1, in which the display device (5) is placed outside the shield (1) when the shield (1) is covering the face of the user.

3. (Currently Amended) A shield according to claim 1, in which the display device (5) includes light transmission means (6) disposed inside the shield (1) when the shield (1) is covering the face of the user.

4. (Currently Amended) A shield according to any preceding claim 1, in which the display device (5) is a device for projecting a light signal onto the retina.

5. (Currently Amended) A shield according to any preceding claim 1, in which the display device (5) is removably mounted.

6. (Currently Amended) Head protection equipment, in particular for aircraft flight crew, the equipment comprising:

a face mask (3) adapted to be applied in use to the lower portion of the face of a user around the user's nose and mouth, and to supply the user with breathing gas; and

a protective shield (1) for protecting the eyes and adapted to be applied to the upper portion of the user's face around the eyes, and including locking means (2) adapted to fix the shield on the face mask (3) in temporary manner;

the equipment being characterized by the fact that it includes comprising a display device (5) adapted to enable the user whose face is covered by the shield (1) to view

information in the user's field of view, in particular information for providing assistance in flying, said equipment further comprising connection means (9) enabling images to be supplied to said display device (5) via the feed pipe (8) of said mask.

7. (Currently Amended) Equipment according to claim 6, including connection means (9) adapted to transmit information from the mask to the display device (5).

8. (Currently Amended) A storage box adapted to receive a protective shield (1) for protecting the eyes against smoke and adapted to be applied to the upper portion of the face of a user around the eyes, said protective shield including locking means (2) suitable for temporarily fixing it to a face mask (3) such as a mask for supplying breathing gas to an aircraft flight crew member, said shield further comprising a display device (5) adapted to enable a user whose face is covered by the shield (1) to view information in the user's field of view, said storage box further comprising a light transmission system (18) adapted to convey a light signal (17) from the display device (5) out from the storage box (13), thereby constituting a light signal that is visible to a user without it being necessary for the user to extract the shield (1) from the storage box (13).

9. (Currently Amended) A storage box according to claim 8, further adapted to receive said face mask (3) with said protective shield (1).

10. (Currently Amended) A storage box according to claim 8-~~or~~9, including connection means (9) for the display device (5) to transmit information from the storage box to the shield (1) or to a face mask (3) when the mask is placed on the face of the user.